

REMARKS

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request that this preliminary amendment be entered.

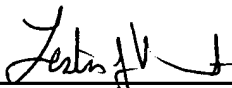
Claims 1-46 and 84-115 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully submit that the specification has been amended to amend the priority claim.

If there are any charges not covered by any check submitted, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: January 27, 2004



Lester J. Vincent
Registration No. 31,460

12400 Wilshire Boulevard
Seventh Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025
(408) 720-8300